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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Nov. 2005

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Nov. 2005 from—	
	Nov. 2004	May 2005	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2004	May 2005
1. Piece Goods	507.8	487.9	480.6	-5.4	-1.5
2. Domestics and Draperies	535.3	533.8	508.2	-5.1	-4.8
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	656.6	666.7	684.7	4.3	2.7
4. Men's Shoes	842.9	878.3	868.9	3.1	-1.1
5. Infants' Wear	584.3	572.5	564.1	-3.5	-1.5
6. Women's Underwear	518.5	544.1	548.8	5.8	0.9
7. Women's Hosiery	342.0	343.1	339.8	-0.6	-1.0
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	583.1	594.1	582.1	-0.2	-2.0
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	376.8	366.8	368.3	-2.3	0.4
10. Men's Clothing	542.5	563.9	542.1	-0.1	-3.9
11. Men's Furnishings	581.5	585.5	574.9	-1.1	-1.8
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	430.1	431.0	403.5	-6.2	-6.4
13. Jewelry	879.0	892.1	861.4	-2.0	-3.4
14. Notions	789.1	811.0	803.1	1.8	-1.0
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	998.6	999.7	1001.0	0.2	0.1
16. Furniture and Bedding	601.7	606.8	596.7	-0.8	-1.7
17. Floor Coverings	590.2	599.4	612.3	3.7	2.2
18. Housewares	711.8	716.6	701.9	-1.4	-2.1
19. Major Appliances	201.6	204.5	204.3	1.3	-0.1
20. Radio and Television	40.7	39.5	38.1	-6.4	-3.5
21. Recreation and Education ¹	79.5	78.5	77.6	-2.4	-1.1
22. Home Improvements ¹	130.6	136.5	137.2	5.1	0.5
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	113.1	114.6	116.5	3.0	1.7
1-15. Soft Goods	566.4	568.3	561.0	-1.0	-1.3
16-20. Durable Goods	380.5	382.3	376.2	-1.1	-1.6
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	92.9	93.2	93.1	0.2	-0.1
Store Total ²	499.6	501.5	495.4	-0.8	-1.2

¹ Indexes on a January 1986=100 base.

² The Store Total index covers all departments, with the following exceptions: candy, food, liquor, tobacco, as well as contract departments.

NOTE: Indexes for previous periods and a brief description of the methods used in calculating the indexes may be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Labor Statistics at (202) 691-6968. The application of these indexes in the preparation of tax returns is solely within the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Service. Treasury Decision No. 5605 accords the use of the elective inventory method by taxpayers employing the retail inventory method.

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